LPG Distributors in Manipur

1989. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of LPG distributors in Manipur and their areas of operation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the LPG distributors have not started the system of home delivery for the consumers and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when it would be introduced in the State; and

(d) the norms and basis of allotment of LPG agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) As on 1.10.1996, 17 LPG distributorships were in operation in the State of Manipur.

(a) and (c) In view of the difficult law and order situation prevailing in the state, the home delivery of refills was discontinued since 1991 and this was done in consultation with the State Government. In March, 1995, Government of Manipur asked IOC to explore the possibility of introducing home delivery of refills in selected areas of Imphal Town. After discussions by the civil adminsitration with Oil Company officials and the distributors, the home delivery was resumed effective 2.10.1995 and 10 to 15% home delivery could be achieved. In November, 1995, due to worsening of law and order situation again and imposition of curfew in the State and in view of the safety of the delivery boys and equipmetns, the distributors were reluctant to make home delivery of LPG cylinders. In the circumstances, home delivery facility can be resumed only after the law and order situation in the state becomes normal.

(d) As per the existing policy, viable locations included in the Marketing Plans are advertised by the oil companies in two prominent local newspapers, one each in English and Vernacular daily. Selection is made by the competent selection authority from amongst the applicants meeting the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, residence, income and multiple dealership norms.

Exploration of Oil in the Areas Rich in Oil Reserves

1990. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVID:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests to undertake oil exploration projects in some parts of country where oil reserves are in abundance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith their locations, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to take action on these requests so as to reduce import of oil and petroleum products;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether some projects have already been undertaken and are in progress; and

(f) if so, details thereof, with the names of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Apart from the exploration activity carried out by ONGC and OIL, Government of India has been inviting private investments in the exploration of oil and gas. So far Government has invited 9 rounds of bidding for exploration blocks. Since 1992, Govenrment has awarded 35 blocks, out of which 23 blocks are in onland and 12 blocks fall in offshore areas. The State-wise/UT-wise details of onshore blocks awarded are given in the statement (*See* below).

(e) and (f) Government has signed 9 contracts for exploration blocks so far, including the contracts signed for 4 onshore blocks. The contracts are at various stages of implementation of the work programme.

Statement

The State-wise/UT-wise details of Onshore blocks awarded

Blocks	Name of company (IES) to whom Blocks Awarded	State
Fourth Round:		
RJ—ON—90/1	Shell, Netherlands	Rajasthan/Gujarat
GK—ON—90/2	Okland, USA	Gujarat
GN—ON—90/3	HOEC, India-Hardy Oil & Gas, U.K. Niko Resources, Canada-Nagarjuna Fertilizer Ltd., India	Andhra Pradesh/ Madhya Pradesh/ Maharashtra
Fifth Round:		
RJ—ON—90/4	Essar Oil Ltd., India-Polish Oil & Gas Company, Poland	Rajasthan
RJ—ON—90/5	-do-	Rajasthan
Sixth Round:		
CB—ON/2	GSPC, India-HOEC, India-Samson International, U.S.A.	Gujarat
CB—ON/7	Samson International, U.S.A.	Gujarat
RJ—ON/6	Phoenix Overseas Ltd., India	Rajasthan
Seventh Round:		
GK—ON/4	Phoenix Overseas Ltd., India	Gujarat
CB—ON/4	Opseis Inc., U.S.A.	Gujarat
CB—ON/5	-do-	Gujarat
CB—ON/3	Essar Oil Ltd., India	Gujarat
CB—ON/1	Rexwood Corporation, U.S.A.-Okland, U.S.A.	Gujarat
AA—ON/3	-do-	Tripura/Mizoram
Eighth Round:		
CR—ON—90/1	Essar Oil Ltd., India-HOEC, India	Assam
KG—ON/1	L&T, India-JTI, U.S.A.-Tullow Oil Plc., Ireland	Andhra Pradesh
AA—ON/1	ACL, India, Medallion Cos., U.S.A.	Assam/Nagaland
AAP—ON—94/1	HOEC, India-General Fibres (P) Ltd., India	Assam/Arunachal Pradesh
AA—ON/4	Occidental International, U.S.A.	Assam/Meghalaya
AA—ON/6	-do-	Assam/Meghalaya

Blocks	Name of company (IES) to whom Blocks Awarded	State
Joint Venture Exploration Programme (JVEP):		
RJ—ONJ—94/1	Reliance Industries, India	Rajasthan
JM—ONJ/1	Okland, U.S.A.-Software Alliances, India	Rajasthan
AA—ONJ/2	Tullow Oil Plc., Ireland	Assam/Mizoram/ Manipur

Extension of Kandla-Delhi Pipeline to Major Cities of Gujarat

1991. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gas Authority of India Limited has decided to lay a LPG pipeline from Kandla to Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the pipeline from Kandla would be extended to major cities of Gujarat also; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Gas Authority of India Limited has proposed laying an LPG pipeline from Kandla to Loni via Delhi.

(b)Tap off points have been proposed in Gujarat to meet the requirements of Haryana and Palanpur.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposals for private funding of Oil Exploration

1992. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are coming up with new proposals to spur private funding for oil exploration;

(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) whether ONGC would have any role in such a policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Government has recently announced a new exploration licencing policy for the oil and gas sector. The salient features of this policy are:-

—Open availability of exploration acreages in addition to existing bidding rounds.

—ONGC and OIL to compete for obtaining exploration licences with other pvt. sector companies.

—ONGC and OIL to be provided a level playing field by providing the same fiscal and contract terms as available for private companies.

—Special fiscal package to encourage exploration in deep water and frontier areas.

—Freedom to contractors for marketing of crude oil and gas in the domestic market.

—No compulsory state participation through ONGC and OIL.